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## SENATE BILL No. 244

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DIGEST OF SB 244 (Updated February 16, 2009 9:44 pm - DI 106)

**Citations Affected:** IC 11-10.

**Synopsis:** Offender reentry administrative account. Requires the department of correction (DOC) to provide each inmate who earns income in the DOC with an offender reentry administrative account (OEAA). Requires that 3% of an inmate's earnings be deposited in an OEAA. Requires the DOC to issue an inmate a check for the balance in the inmate's OEAA when the inmate is released or discharged from incarceration by the DOC.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.  
February 17, 2009, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 11-10-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,  
2 SECTION 369, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. (a) The earnings of an offender  
4 employed under this chapter shall be surrendered to the department.  
5 This amount shall be distributed in the following order:  
6 (1) Not less than twenty percent (20%) of the offender's gross  
7 earnings to be given to the offender or retained by the department.  
8 If retained by the department, the amount, with accrued interest  
9 if interest on the amount is earned, must be returned to the  
10 offender not later than at the time of the offender's release on  
11 parole or discharge.  
12 (2) State and federal income taxes and Social Security deductions.  
13 (3) The expenses of room and board, as fixed by the department  
14 and the budget agency, in facilities operated by the department,  
15 or, if the offender is housed in a facility not operated by the  
16 department, the amount paid by the department to the operator of  
17 the facility or other appropriate authority for room and board and

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other incidentals as established by agreement between the department and the appropriate authority.

(4) The support of the offender's dependents, when directed by the offender or ordered by the court to pay this support. If the offender's dependents are receiving welfare assistance, the appropriate local office of the division of family resources or welfare department in another state shall be notified of these disbursements.

(5) Ten percent (10%) of the offender's gross earnings, to be deposited in the violent crime victims compensation fund established by IC 5-2-6.1-40.

**(6) Three percent (3%) of the offender's gross earnings, to be deposited in the offender's reentry administrative account.**

(b) Any remaining amount shall be given to the offender or retained by the department in accord with subsection (a)(1).

(c) The department may, when special circumstances warrant or for just cause, waive the collection of room and board charges by or on behalf of a facility operated by the department or, if the offender is housed in a facility not operated by the department, authorize payment of room and board charges from other available funds.

SECTION 2. IC 11-10-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]:

**Chapter 15. Offender Reentry Administrative Accounts**

**Sec. 1. The department shall provide each offender who has earnings under IC 11-10-7 with an offender reentry administrative account.**

**Sec. 2. The part of an offender's earnings distributed under IC 11-10-7-5(a)(6) shall be deposited in the offender reentry administrative account of the offender.**

**Sec. 3. The funds in the offender reentry administrative account of an offender may not be withdrawn before the offender's release or discharge from incarceration by the department.**

**Sec. 4. When an offender is released or discharged from incarceration by the department, the department shall issue the offender a check for the balance in the offender's offender reentry administrative account.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 244, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 244 as introduced.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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